disposal was also considered in a meeting of the Chief Ministers and Chief Justices held on 4th December, 1993 under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. The Conference recommended several steps in a resolution it adopted for the speedy disposal of cases in the Courts/Tribunals. This resolution has been commended to all * the State Governments/UT Administrations and High Courts/ Tribunals for necessary action. The implementation of December, 1993 resolution and the recommendations made by the Working Groups were reviewed by the Law Ministers* at their plenary meeting held in Calcutta in November, 1994 and in Hyderabad, in November, 1995. The resolutions adopted in these meeting have been commended to all the concerned authorities for necessary follow-up action.

Interim wage hike

257. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has the interim wage hike cost the Central Government in actual terms;

(b) what is the expected cost to Government after the final awards; and

(c) what is Governments strategy to curb Government expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Interim Relief sanctioned to Central Government employees in 1993 cost the Government Rs. 650 crores per annum and the Interim Relief sanctioned in 1995 cost the Government Rs. 890 crores per annum.

(b) The expected cost of the final award will be known only after the final Report of the Fifth Central Pay Commission is submitted to the Government.

(c) The Government have recently issued guidelines on expenditure management to control the rate of growth of Government expenditure through various measures. A copy of these guidelines is available in the Parliament House Library.

External and Internal borrowings

258. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of external and internal borrowings and the rate of interest at which these borrowings have been affected and the total interest accrued on these borrowings during the last three years; and

(b) the amount of loan advanced to agriculture and industry sector separately and the rate of interest thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The details are as under:

(Rs. crore)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96(RE)
Net borrowings			
(i) Internal debt and other liabilities	55183	52558	62041 ~
(ii) External assistance on Government account	5074	5146	1969 *